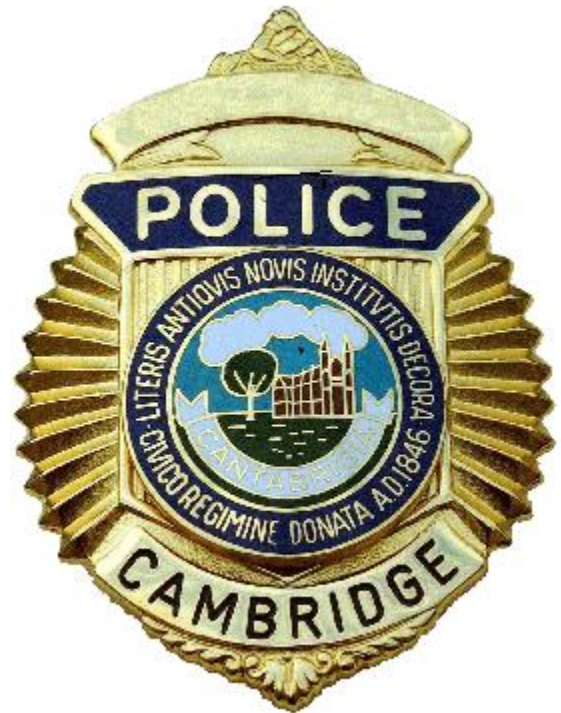


SECTION IV

BUSINESS DISTRICT PROFILES

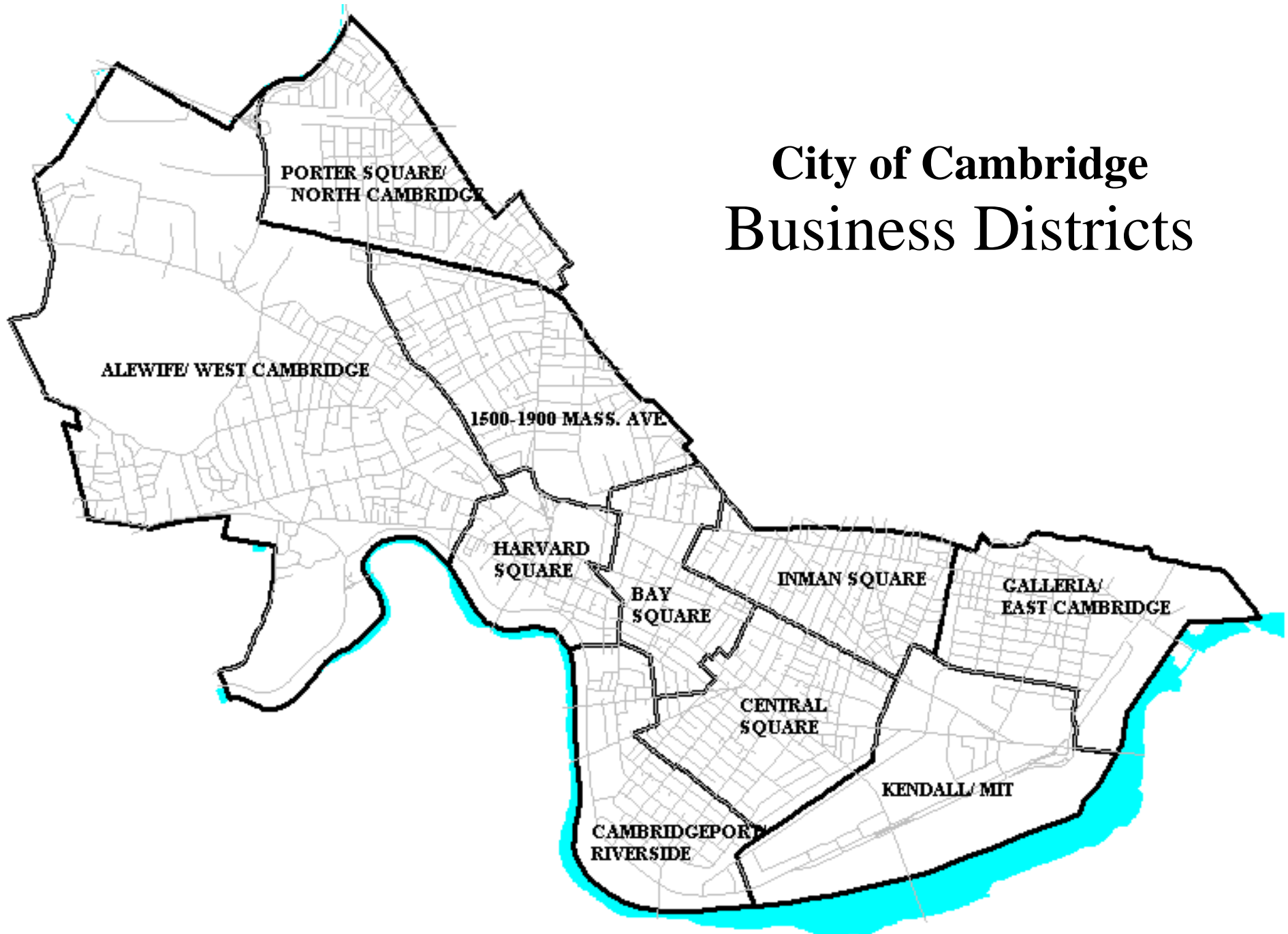
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CAMBRIDGE**
- 2. KENDALL / MIT**
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- 9. PORTER SQUARE**
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CAMBRIDGE**



THE FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW
OF SPECIFIC CRIMES FOR
CAMBRIDGE BUSINESS DISTRICTS



City of Cambridge Business Districts



**Business Area # 1:
East Cambridge/Galleria**

Boundaries: bordered by Somerville, the Charles River, Binney Street, and the Conrail Railroad line

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: The Galleria, Restaurants and retail shops on First Street, restaurants and retail shops on Cambridge Street between #1 and #700, industrial and retail establishments on Bent, Binney, Hurley, and Thorndike Streets.



CambridgeSide Galleria

Larcenies from buildings decreased by nine incidents when compared with the 2007 total which registered a 15% decline in this business district. Fifty-one percent of these types of thefts occurred at the Galleria Mall. Three distinct scenarios account for the majority of these larcenies at the Mall: the theft of employee property from back rooms of retail establishments, incidents that the Crime Analysis Unit categorize as inside jobs with employees stealing from their employer, and the rifling of cash from registers or property from counters. • Eighty-one percent of the **larcenies from persons** in the East Cambridge business district in 2008 occurred at the Galleria Mall. The trend of a high percentage of these thefts being from diners at the Food Court has changed over the past three years. Pickpockets have been targeting shoppers who leave their purses or cell phones unattended while searching for bargains. Further analysis reveals that nearly half of these incidents occurred on Friday and Saturday between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. • After going nearly 15 months without an incident, there were six **commercial robberies** registered in this business district in 2008. Three of the six robberies in 2008 were of taxicabs and remain under investigation. There were arrests in both of the bank robberies in the Galleria/East Cambridge district last year. • The decrease in thefts from construction sites that had plagued this area for almost two years is the major reason **commercial burglary (down 54% in 2008)** recorded its third lowest total in a decade. There were scattered weekend night breaks to restaurants in the 400 to 500 block of Cambridge Street, but no definite patterns were identified. • Shoplifting increased by 46 incidents and posted a 38% increase in this business district in 2008. Ninety-five percent of the **shoplifting** reports were at the Galleria Mall. Temporal analysis of this crime points to a trend of thefts between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday and Friday nights. Professional boosting teams avoided the Galleria in 2008.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	104	86	85	60	51
Larceny from Person	44	45	44	46	54
Commercial Burglary	8	15	30	26	12
Commercial Robbery	8	10	3	0	6
Shoplifting	145	134	103	121	167
Fraud/Flim	78	58	70	41	66
Flam/Counterfeiting					

MIT/KENDALL SQ./LOWER BROADWAY

Business Area # 2: **MIT/Kendall Square/Lower Broadway**

Boundaries: bordered by Binney Street, the Charles River, Amesbury Street, and the Conrail Railroad

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: Offices, shops, restaurants in Kendall Square, Cambridge Center, Offices and shops on Broadway between #1 and #200, Tech. Square, M.I.T., and the Hyatt Regency.



Kendall Square

The major crime story to emerge in the Kendall Square business district in 2008 was the 22% rise in **larcenies from buildings**. The majority of this increase can be traced to two distinct scenarios: thefts of employee property and thefts from construction sites. Theft of employee property (such as purses, cell phones, and wallets) in Cambridge Center offices accounted for 50% of this type of crime in the Kendall Square area in 2008. Another 30% of the thefts in Business District #2 were of scrap metal from construction sites. • The numbers for **commercial robbery** have remained stable through the decade in the Kendall area, with roughly two per year. The robbery of a Main Street bank in March was cleared by arrest. The other robbery was at a coffee shop in February and remains under investigation. • **Shoplifting** has never been a problem in and around Kendall Square. Over the past five years, only twelve shopliftings have been recorded in this area. • Kendall Square consistently has fewer **commercial burglaries** than most of the other business districts. Construction sites were hit with a pattern of thefts of scrap metal and tools back in 2006. A series of arrests appears to have eradicated that pattern and only five unrelated breaks have been recorded here in the past two years. • Although not a major problem in this business district, **larcenies from persons** increased from 12 to 18 incidents in 2008. Diners at local coffee shops and food courts were the targets of pickpockets on weekday afternoons between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. • The majority of bad checks, counterfeiting, and other types of fraud occurred at the MIT Coop and were infrequent in comparison to other retail areas.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	31	37	28	27	33
Larceny from Person	15	6	12	12	18
Commercial Burglary	11	8	13	2	3
Commercial Robbery	3	2	1	2	2
Shoplifting	0	4	3	2	3
Fraud/Flim	40	17	8	12	20
Flam/Counterfeiting					

Business Area # 3:
Inman Square/Harrington

Boundaries: by the Conrail Railroad, the Somerville line, Leonard Avenue, Cambridge Street, Dana Street, and Broadway

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: the offices, shops, restaurants of Inman Square, all business establishments between 700 and 1400 Cambridge Street, offices, industries and restaurants on Hampshire Street and between 100 to 380 Prospect Street and 100 to 300 Broadway.



Inman Square

Larcenies from buildings increased by 11 incidents in Business District #3 in 2008. Over 40% of the larcenies from buildings in the Inman Square business district involved the theft of unattended property from public buildings. Thieves scouted hospitals, schools, and city offices with employees' purses and wallets as the targets. Although larcenies from buildings increased 55% in 2008, it is not considered a significant crime problem in this area and no major patterns were detected. • **Commercial robberies** increased by one incident when compared with the five incidents reported in 2007. A female serial bank robber was arrested and charged with two incidents. The three late night convenience store robberies along Broadway were not related and remain under investigation. • **Commercial burglary** fell 47% when compared with the 2007 numbers and posted its lowest annual total in over a decade. Sporadic, unprofessional, smash-and-grab breaks occurred in the 700 to 1100 blocks of Cambridge St throughout the year and no patterns or links were identified. • The **shoplifting** totals are inconsequential and this type of larceny has never been a problem for Inman Square businesses. • Sixty percent of the **larcenies from persons** in this business district involved the theft of unattended property in parks and other public places. There has been a slight increase in professional pickpockets working Inman Square restaurants over the past two years. The thieves are targeting wallets from the purses of females while they are dining. However, this crime scenario is much more common in Harvard or Central Square. • Identity theft (30%) and fraudulent use of credit cards (37%) accounted for the majority of the fraud category.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	35	30	29	20	31
Larceny from Person	18	15	24	25	27
Commercial Burglary	13	15	30	17	9
Commercial Robbery	7	19	3	5	6
Shoplifting	3	4	4	5	5
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	40	40	42	44	52

***Business Area #4:
Central Square***

Boundaries: the Conrail Railroad, Erie Street, Fairmont Street, River Street, Howard Street, Western Avenue, Pleasant Street, Green Street, Sellers Street, Bigelow Street, Doyle Way, Inman Street, and Broadway

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: shops, offices, restaurants between 200 and 830 Massachusetts Avenue, offices on Bishop Allen Drive, restaurants on Green Street, establishments between 770 and 910 Main Street, and City Hall



Central Square

Larcenies from buildings decreased by 28% in the Central Square business district in 2008. This decrease can be attributed to reductions in multiple categorizations of this crime-type: thefts from health clubs, inside jobs (thefts committed by employees/former employees), thefts from business offices, store counter thefts, and thefts of employee property from back rooms of retail establishments. Despite the drop in the theft of employee property, however, this crime remains an area of concern for retail establishments in the 500 to 700 blocks of Mass Ave. • For the third consecutive year, **commercial robberies** remained relatively low in Central Square. After recording 14 robberies in 2005, Central Sq saw a combined total of 11 incidents for 2006 through 2008. All three of the robberies in 2008 were at banks in the 600 block of Mass Ave. A serial robber was arrested and charged with two of the crimes. • The numbers for **commercial burglary** remained relatively unchanged for 2008 in Central Square, with only one additional incident reported. Although there were no commercial break patterns identified in Central Square this year, the overall trend indicated that unprofessional smash-and-grab breaks at restaurants between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. was the top temporal and premise type series established. • There was a 10% increase in **larcenies from persons** in Central Square in 2008. This increase can be attributed to pickpockets targeting diners in cafes, restaurants, and coffee shops between 500 and 700 Massachusetts Avenue. Professional thieves preyed on female victims who left purses hanging over the backs of chairs in coffee shops. Another type of professional thief prowled bars on Friday and Saturday nights, stealing unattended items such as coats, cell phones, and purses. • A high percentage of the **shoplifting** arrests in the Central Square business district were at grocery and drug stores. Suspects listing their address as local shelters made up the majority of the arrestees for this crime.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	82	87	72	100	72
Larceny from Person	86	98	102	89	98
Commercial Burglary	49	15	37	16	17
Commercial Robbery	8	14	4	4	3
Shoplifting	78	119	107	102	63
Fraud/Flim	88	79	79	75	74
Flam/Counterfeiting					

***Business Area #5:
Cambridgeport/Riverside***

Boundaries: bordered by the Charles River, Amesbury Street, the Conrail Railroad, Erie Street, Fairmont Street, River Street, Howard Street, Kinnaird Street, and Flagg Street.

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: all businesses between 550 and 900 Memorial Drive, all industrial, retail and restaurants on Brookline, Pearl, Magazine, River and Western to the south of Erie Street.



***Memorial Drive/Lower
Cambridgeport***

The Cambridgeport/Riverside business district generates the least amount of commercially related target crimes citywide. There has not been a **commercial robbery** in Business District #5 in over 33 months. • **Larceny from the person**, which is rather inconsequential in this business district, increased by four incidents (40%) in 2008. A high percentage of the thefts involved unattended property at recreation areas and public buildings. A small increase in the theft of wallets from shopping carts at local grocery stores was also noted this year. • There has not been a **shoplifting** pattern identified in this business district since the arrest of a pair of professionals at Microcenter in 2001. • The **commercial burglary** totals in Cambridgeport/Riverside are remarkably low; only three incidents have been reported in the last two years. The last commercial burglary series involved the stealing of precious metals and tools from area construction sites in 2006. • There was a small increase of four incidents in **larcenies from buildings** in Cambridgeport/Riverside in 2008. Larcenies from buildings in this area consisted of a combination of thefts of wallets, cell phones, and iPods from health clubs, classrooms, and hotels.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	26	26	14	14	18
Larceny from Person	6	7	10	10	14
Commercial Burglary	2	4	8	1	2
Commercial Robbery	3	5	2	0	0
Shoplifting	8	13	16	16	7
Fraud/Flim	18	25	32	20	27
Flam/Counterfeiting					

Business Area # 6:
Bay Square/Upper Broadway

Boundaries: bordered by Inman St., Doyle Way, Bigelow St., Sellers St., Green St., Pleasant St., Western Avenue, Howard St., Kinnaird St., Putnam Avenue, Massachusetts Avenue, Prescott St., Kirkland St., the Somerville Line, Leonard Avenue, Cambridge St., Dana St., and Broadway

Major area of Business/Retail/Industrial concentration include: all offices, restaurants and establishments between 830 and 1050 Massachusetts Avenue, all retail industrial and offices on Cambridge Street between Dana Street and Trowbridge Street and on Harvard Street and Broadway between Inman and Trowbridge.



Bay Square

Larcenies from buildings increased by 70% in 2008 in Business District #6. The long-standing trend of the theft of laptops from offices between 900 and 1000 Massachusetts Avenue continued to be a problem in Bay Square in 2008. Larcenies of cell phones from teachers' desks and the theft of students' unattended property are on the rise at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. Thefts from patients' rooms at local hospitals are a sporadic problem in this business district as well. • Only three **commercial burglaries**, the lowest total in over a decade, were recorded in this business district in 2008. This target crime has been on the decline in Bay Square since arrests were made in 2005 of two burglars involved in illegal entries to churches and shelters. • **Shoplifting** is a very rare occurrence in Bay Square. There have been only three shoplifting incidents in this business district since 2005. • In the past four years, there have been three **commercial robberies** in Bay Square. The only robbery in this area in 2008 was at a Kirkland Street convenience store in December. • **Larcenies from persons** decreased by two incidents in Bay Square in 2008 and posted a 14% reduction. A high percentage of the larcenies from persons in the area in 2008 were on weekend nights in bars between 900 to 1100 Massachusetts Avenue. This larceny type generates low numbers for the amount of pedestrians and shoppers that pass through this district's boundaries.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	50	47	26	23	39
Larceny from Person	14	9	10	14	12
Commercial Burglary	4	16	6	6	3
Commercial Robbery	4	0	1	1	1
Shoplifting	3	4	1	1	1
Fraud/Flim	27	34	26	38	42
Flam/Counterfeiting					

Business Area #7:
Harvard Square

Boundaries: bordered by Prescott Street, Massachusetts Avenue, Putnam Avenue, Flagg Street, the Charles River, Ash Street, Mason Street, Garden Street, Waterhouse Street, Massachusetts Avenue, and Cambridge Street

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial concentration include: establishments and business offices on Massachusetts Avenue between 1050 and 1540, Mt. Auburn Street between 1 and 168, and the numerous restaurants, shops, and offices on Holyoke, Dunster, and Winthrop Streets, as well as, the Charles Square and University Place complexes.



Harvard Square

Larcenies from buildings increased by 6% in Harvard Square in 2008. Thefts in area retail shops accounted for 40% of the larcenies from buildings. There are three distinct scenarios that make up the majority of this type of thievery: the theft of employee property from back room storage areas, inside jobs where the employee is stealing property or cash from his or her place of work, and the stealing of cash from registers and unattended merchandise from store counters. Larcenies from health clubs and hotels rooms, although common, are not prevalent in this business district. • The totals for **commercial robberies** in Harvard Square continued to rollercoaster last year. After recording zero commercial robberies in 2006, then rocketing to ten in 2007, this target crime leveled off with four incidents in 2008. Two banks, a jewelry store, and a restaurant were victimized by robbers in 2008. Both bank robberies were cleared by arrest. • Despite the fact that the numbers have dropped significantly in recent years, **larcenies from persons** remain a concern in this area. Professional pickpockets use public transportation and Harvard Square has been a hotspot for this activity. A dipper's favorite target is someone who is preoccupied, such as a person who leaves a purse unattended in a coffee shop, a tourist overloaded with packages, or someone totally engaged on their cell phone. A high percentage of these crimes in 2008 were on weekdays between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and on weekends between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. • **Shoplifting** in Harvard Square increased by 27% this year. The majority of shoplifting arrests were on weekend afternoons at clothing stores on JFK and Brattle Streets.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	90	78	43	63	67
Larceny from Person	136	113	89	73	74
Commercial Burglary	20	14	18	13	8
Commercial Robbery	5	4	0	10	4
Shoplifting	62	52	56	48	61
Fraud/Flim	50	37	28	34	38
Flam/Counterfeiting					

MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE (1500-1900 block)

Business Area #8: Massachusetts Avenue Corridor

Boundaries: bordered by Kirkland Street, the Somerville Line, the B&M Railroad, Sherman Street, Garden Street, Waterhouse Street, Massachusetts Avenue, and Cambridge Street

Major areas of Business, Retail, and Industrial concentration include: retail shops, restaurants and offices between 1540 to 1880 Massachusetts Avenue, businesses and offices on Garden, Sherman and Oxford Streets.



1500-1900 Massachusetts Avenue

Larcenies from buildings decreased by 10% in the Mass Ave Corridor in 2008. The typical scenarios for these types of thefts in this business district involve wallets stolen from health clubs, personal property snatched from dormitories and classrooms at Lesley College, and unattended cell phones pilfered at recreation areas and public parks. • There was no repeat of the smash-and-grab **commercial burglary** pattern that hit retail establishments in the 1600 to 1800 blocks of Mass Ave in 2007. Commercial burglary declined 67% and registered its lowest total for the Corridor in a decade. • Since 2001, the Corridor has consistently averaged three **commercial robberies** annually. There were four commercial robberies in this area in 2008. Two of the robberies were at a local bakery and were cleared with the arrest of an ex-employee. The other robberies were at a bank in the 1700 block of Mass Ave and remain under investigation. • For an area with such a high concentration of retail establishments and pedestrian activity, the total of only two **shoplifting** incidents in 2008 is remarkable. • **Larceny from the person** increased by three incidents to post a 16% increase for the area in 2008. Almost 50% of these larcenies in the Corridor occurred in restaurants and cafes in the 1600 to 1700 blocks of Mass Ave. The arrest of a professional pickpocket from Boston in the spring helped interdict an emerging pattern. Historically, professional dippers have avoided the Corridor and worked Harvard and Central Squares instead.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	46	52	25	29	26
Larceny from Person	15	12	19	19	22
Commercial Burglary	10	16	8	15	5
Commercial Robbery	3	2	2	3	4
Shoplifting	2	3	7	5	2
Fraud/Flim	35	35	36	48	37
Flam/Counterfeiting					

***Business Area # 9:
Porter Square/ North
Cambridge***

Boundaries: bordered by the B&M Railroad, Alewife Brook Parkway, and the Somerville Line

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial concentrations include: all retail and commercial establishments between 1840 Massachusetts Avenue and the Arlington line, including Porter Square Mall. All commercial properties along Rindge and Sherman to the border of the RR tracks.



Porter Square

Commercial burglaries declined significantly (-56%) in 2008 in Porter Square. Five of the seven breaks were during the summer in the 2300 block of Mass Ave. However, these incidents were unrelated and no pattern was identified. • **Commercial robbery** also recorded a major decline in Porter Square, falling from nine incidents in 2007 to four in 2008. Three of the four robberies in Porter Square were at banks in the 2300 block of Mass Ave. A serial note-passing robber from Lexington, who was active throughout Greater Boston, was arrested and charged with two of Porter Square's bank robberies. • **Larceny from the person** fell 24% in Porter Square in 2008. The majority of these incidents occurred on weekday afternoons at the Porter Square Shopping Center. Patterns with pickpockets and professional dippers are seldom identified in this business district. • While **shoplifting** numbers were trending upward in other retail areas in the City, this target crime dropped nearly 60% in Porter Square. Eight of the thirteen shoplifting incidents in Business District #9 occurred at the Shaw's Supermarket in Porter Square.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	37	36	36	23	32
Larceny from Person	23	12	17	25	19
Commercial Burglary	6	16	24	16	7
Commercial Robbery	6	10	13	9	4
Shoplifting	31	31	21	32	13
Fraud/Flim	33	35	40	35	42
Flam/Counterfeiting					

***Business Area #10:
West Cambridge/Alewife***

Boundaries: bordered by the Charles River, the Watertown, Belmont, and Arlington Lines, Alewife Brook Parkway, the B&M Railroad, Sherman Street, Garden Street, Mason Street, and Ash Street

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial concentration include: businesses and offices on Mt. Auburn Street between 180 and 700 including the Shaw's Supermarket, the Fresh Pond Mall, industrial and research complexes on Smith, Fawcett, Mooney and Cambridge Park Drive, the Huron Village area, shops and restaurants on Concord and Garden Street.



Alewife/West Cambridge

Commercial robbery has become a concern in the Alewife/West Cambridge District. Business District #10 has averaged nearly nine robberies per year since 2004. There was one fewer robbery in 2008 than in 2007. Both of the bank robberies on Huron Ave in 2008 were cleared with the arrest of a teen from Cambridge. Three convenience store robberies on Concord Ave were linked to a pair of robbers from Somerville who went on a pre-Christmas crime spree throughout Greater Boston. • A previously identified trend involves a large percentage of Boston residents arrested for **shoplifting** at the Fresh Pond Mall. These shoplifters tend to be older in age and more professional than arrestees in other business districts. • **Larcenies from buildings** decreased 19% in this business district when compared with the figures of 2007. A pattern of thefts from workstations, patients' rooms, and supply cabinets at area hospitals was identified during the first quarter of the year. Between July and the end of the year, there was a marked increase in laptop thefts from research companies and wallets from lockers at health clubs in West Cambridge. • The major **larceny from the person** scenario in West Cambridge was the theft of wallets from the purses of distracted shoppers in supermarkets. • **Commercial burglary** registered a 57% decline in West Cambridge/Alewife this year. The smash-and-grab series that previously plagued businesses on Huron Ave, Concord Ave, and Alewife did not surface in 2008.

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Larceny from Building	71	60	40	59	48
Larceny from Person	24	25	12	31	19
Commercial Burglary	16	14	18	23	10
Commercial Robbery	13	7	11	7	6
Shoplifting	49	39	26	17	30
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	38	50	49	43	48

